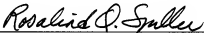


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to a Office Action with a mailing date of July 27, 2006, response to which is due by October 27, 2006 without extension, and which is being timely filed, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows: